



Town of Harpswell

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Recycling Committee Minutes

December 16, 2020

Members present: Chuck Perow, George Barker, Philip Conner, Bob Eaton

Absent: Jeff Stann, Jack Stokinger

Call to order: 4:16

Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2020. There was not a quorum present early in the meeting so the November minutes were not approved.

New Business Discussion:

Discussed Harpswell Green Business program.

Those present agreed that the vision and objective in the outline we correct.

We decided that we should invite Conservation and Energy & Technology committees to comment and participate.

Chuck informed us that he had completed negotiations with Pine Tree and our recycling costs will go from \$28 to \$60; we apparently are not getting credit for doing a superior job with our recycling.

Bob has identified a state program that he will give us information on later.

We spoke briefly about the unsuccessful Fiberite recycling venture that failed after building expensive plant and operating for a short period of time.

UBQ Materials apparently is making progress at their pilot plant in Israel. Their website has quite a bit more information. They are currently building a plant in the Netherlands that should open in 2021. They now have a person located in the US and is looking for a site for a plant here. We talked about the Fiberite plant. I have been in contact with Ecco and Casella and the people I spoke with showed very little interest. Wrong people?

There has been a lack of input from the committee and from others invited to participate.

At the January meeting, we will review any input from our Committee. None of this is cast in stone and is provided only as a starting point.

Old Business: none

Next Meeting: January 20, 2020

Adjournment: 5:15

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Conner